

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A process for decomposing a ~~polymer~~ crosslinked polyester having no chlorine into a monomer or oligomer, comprising:

hydrolyzing a ~~polymer~~ crosslinked polyester having no chlorine with sub- or supercritical water, ~~at least a part of the polymer being a polymer comprising a constitutional unit derived from an organic acid in the molecular structure, and the~~ polymer crosslinked polyester being contacted with sub- or supercritical water in the presence of a water-insoluble base;

recovering a monomer or oligomer obtained by decomposition of the ~~polymer~~ crosslinked polyester,

wherein the water-insoluble base comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , ~~[[and]]~~  $\text{BaCO}_3$  and  $\text{Ca(OH)}_2$ , and an amount of the water-insoluble base is 50 to 200 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the crosslinked polyester.

Claims 2-24 (canceled)